

Domestic Relations Committee  
Judicial Conference of Indiana

**Minutes**

January 17, 2003

The Domestic Relations Committee met at the Indiana Judicial Center in Indianapolis, Indiana on Friday, January 17, 2003 from 10:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.

1. Members present. Thomas J. Felts; Diana LaViolette; Keith A. Meier; Robyn L. Moberly; Michael P. Scopelitis; Kathy R. Smith, Richard G. Striegel; and Daniel F. Donahue, Chair.
2. Staff present. Jeffrey Bercovitz provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. Minutes approved. The minutes for the committee on November 15-16, 2002 were approved.
4. Guests present. Dr. David Betson, University of Notre Dame, consultant; Robert Monday, and Andrew Cosby; and Barb Richards, League of Women Voters of Indiana were also present.
5. Child Support Guidelines.
  - a. Mr. Bercovitz displayed a draft of the child support guidelines placed on the Internet after the November meeting and made revisions prepared by Judge Donahue. The committee members reviewed selected comments on the proposed changes and agreed to extend the deadline for comments to March 15, 2003.
  - b. Committee members reviewed sample cases using the new table and worksheet for shared parenting cases. They agreed to continue testing the new shared parenting worksheet on existing cases and bring the results to the February meeting.
  - d. The committee members also agreed to send a hard copy of selected guideline changes to judges, send a copy to Mr. Steve Johnson and ask him to distribute it prosecuting attorneys, ask the Family and Juvenile Law Section of the Indiana State Bar Association to publicize the draft, and return any comments to Judge Donahue or Jeff Bercovitz by March 15. The draft prepared at this meeting will be placed on the Internet for comments by the bench, bar, and members of the public.
6. Next meeting dates. The members of the committee agreed to meet again on Friday, February 21, 2003, March 21, 2003, April 18, 2003, May 16, 2003, July 18, 2003, August 15, 2003, October 17, 2003, all from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Indiana Judicial Center; and Thurs.-Fri., Nov. 13-14, 2003 for an all day Judicial Center Seminar on Domestic Relations; and hold no Nov. 2003 mtg.

Respectfully submitted,

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